II. BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting of the Commision was held at the Commissioner's Office in the afternoon of the 12th January, 1979 with Dr. P. C. Chunder, President of the Indian Historical Records Commission in the Chair. As the President had to leave in the middle of the Session to attend to some other urgent business, the second half of the session was, on the nomination of the President, conducted by Prof. G. M. Moraes.

(i) Motion of Condolence

Before taking up any other item of business, a motion of condolence was moved from the Chair. Dr. P. C. Chunder stated that the members of the Commission were aware of the sad loss to the world of history as also to the Commission, by the demise of some very distinguished and noted historians who had been associated with the Commission at one time or the other namely (1) Prof. Rushbrook Williams, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, U. P. (2) Dr. B. P. Saksena, Allahabad University, Allahabad, U. P. (3) Dr. D. Awasthi, Ravi Shankar University, Raipur, M. P. and (4) Dr. G. D. Patel, Chief Editor, "Gujarat Gazetteers" and incharge of the archives department of the State. The Chair accordingly moved the following resolution of condolence :

Resolution I : "The Members of the Indian Historical Records Commission assembled at Aurangabad for the 46th Session of the Commission deeply mourn the death of Prof. Rushbrook Williams, Dr. B. P. Saksena, Dr. D. Awasthi and Dr. G. D. Patel and resolve that sincere condolence of the Commission be conveyed to the next of their kin".

While passing the resolution the members stood up in silence for one minute.

(ii) Discussion on Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report presented earlier at the inaugural session, was then taken up for discussion. Dr. Raghubir Sinh, Prof. A. R. Kulkarnie, Prof. Mohd Yasin, Dr. M. S. Jain and Shri M. V. S. Prasada Rau took part in the discussion. Dr. S. N. Prasad, Secretary of the Commission responsed and clarified the points raised by them during the discussion.

The Secretary's Report was then unanimously adopted.

(iii) Review of the action taken on previous Resolutions and Recommendations of the Commission

Conspectus of action taken on the resolution was noted by the members. No discussion took place.

(iv) Resolutions by the Members :

A. Preservation of important newspapers in the Central/State Archives

(1) Resolution by Shri Tara Sharan Sinha

"Resolved that at least two sets of important Newspapers (under publication or out of publication) be centralised in Central/State Archives for their use as contemporary source material.